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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tsichlis, et al.

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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE FOR ENHANCING GENE EXPRESSION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2000 by one month. With the extension the response is due on or before September 21, 2000. A check to cover the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) for a small entity (\$55.00) is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the enclosed amount or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 1870586.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 21, 2000